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The listed documents were cited by the European Searching Authority for corresponding European Application No. EP 02 71 8836 in a Supplementary European Search Report dated January 14, 2005. In addition, please note that U.S. Patent 6,079,020 was previously cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application on July 9, 2002. Therefore, it is not listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a.

A copy of the search report is enclosed.

**Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

Serial No. 09/874,258

We hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner fully consider each item of information, initial the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a in the appropriate places to indicate that the information has been considered, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP Section 609.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed documents as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. However, this Statement is accompanied by the Certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1). Therefore, it is believed no fee is due for this filing. If there is any discrepancy in the fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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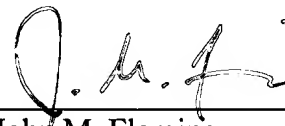
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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